

Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)

Sermon Devotional

Series - The Lighthouse: Reflections on the Nature of God
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1. What is the last thing you asked God for?
2. Why do you think he gave it to you or withheld it from you?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Isaiah 7:1-17 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. Ahaz, the king of the southern nation of Judah, was concerned about the invading armies from Israel (the northern kingdom) and Syria (which is sometimes called Aram). So the Lord sent Isaiah to give Ahaz a message. Can you recall a time when someone told you what God wanted you to hear?
5. Isaiah's prophecy to Ahaz was simple: the invaders will not succeed. More importantly, the Lord wanted Ahaz to "stand firm in your faith" (v. 9). How important is it to trust God when you feel like you are under attack?
6. In verses 10-11, the Lord tries to inspire Ahaz to believe him. But Ahaz refuses in verse 12, trusting instead in his own human strength and abilities. Nevertheless, the Lord gives Ahaz a sign in verse 14. What is the sign?
7. Like many Old Testament prophecies, this sign has a dual fulfillment—one fulfillment in Ahaz's day and another in the person of Christ. "Immanuel" means "God with us." Do you believe he is with you today?

Bringing It Home

8. In what ways is God with us today?
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